

## **Joseph Higgins – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

Joseph Higgins was born in Eastham in 1667. He was the son of Jonathan Higgins, the grandson of Richard Higgins and the younger brother of Jonathan Higgins Jr. Richard Higgins headed one of the seven original families that settled Nauset in 1644. Joseph married and raised a family in Eastham. He probably is buried in an unmarked grave in Orleans Cemetery. Joseph is an example of a third generation Eastham resident receiving Eastham land grants.

1702

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs about two acres adjoining the land where he lived. The land was near the swamp and on the south side of the pond and on the southern side of the highway that went from his house to Major Freeman's property. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and stones marked J H. PDF M133, S93.

1703

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs a parcel of meadow on Pochet Flats or Low Meadow by the beach and near Pottanumaquit Harbor and near land of Jonathan Linnell and Thomas Mayo. The dimensions indicate the lot was about four and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF M133, S93.

1704

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs a small parcel of land near his other land. The dimensions indicate the lot was about one-half acre. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF S80.

1706

Granted to Joseph Higgins, Jonathan Higgins Jr. and Elisha Higgins and their heirs by way of exchange about two acres of upland at Barley Neck near the dwelling house of Jonathan Linnell. This grant was on the condition that the Higgins quit their claim and return to the Town for town common all the meadow and marsh ground northeast of land of Jonathan Higgins and near the water. Bounds were indicated by stones marked J H. PDF A285, M45.

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs land near his house and orchard. The dimensions indicate the grant was about three and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and stones marked J H. PDF A288, M51, M52.

1711

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs three parcels of land totaling about four acres on the westerly side of where he lived and next to land of Barnabas Wixam. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T75.

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs about four acres at Little Skaket Neck near land of Ichabod Higgins. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T75.

1712

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs a six acre wood lot next to Samuel Mayo's wood lot. This lot probably was near the Grapevine Swamp where Samuel Mayo had a six acre wood lot. PDF T75.

1715

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs two and one-half acres of upland on the southeast side of Sampson's Island. Bounds were indicated by stones. Also granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs were about nine acres near his dwelling house and near the Swamp. Bounds were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T220.

Granted to Joseph Higgins and his heirs a wood lot on the westerly side of the roadway to Billingsgate and next to the lots of John Collins and George Brown. The dimensions indicate the wood lot was about eighteen acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T277.

The Eastham land owned by Joseph Higgins and his heirs described in these records amounts to about fifty-five acres. By 1745 thirty-three more Higgins received Eastham land grants.